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SPRINGFIELD, IL:...SEPTEMBER 17, 1985....Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director, Richard J. Carlson, announced Tuesday the selection of an environmental consulting firm to perform a comprehensive study of 16 known or suspected hazardous waste sites in the vicinity of Dead Creek in St. Clair County. Ecology and Environment of Buffalo, New York will perform a remedial investigation and feasibility study of industrial waste sites in the towns of Sauget and Cahokia. The State-funded environmental study is expected to cost approximately \$1 million and will take 18 months to complete. Following the study, pollution containment and removal options will be determined.

"The complexity of the pollutants in these areas and hydrogeologic setting found in the Dead Creek area make this one of the toughest hazardous waste projects the Agency has ever attempted to undertake," said IEPA Director Carlson.

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The Study will involve investigation and analysis of surface and subsurface soils, creek sediment, surface water, groundwater and airborne contaminants associated with waste disposal operations in these areas. Among the disposal sites slated for investigation and sampling are:

Sauget Sewage Treatment Plant lagoons	Site 12
Sauget/Monsanto Landfill	Site 13(refer to map)
Sauget Landfill	Site 14
Sauget (Monsanto) Toxic Landfill	Site 15
Dead Creek	Site 16

(Note: The majority of sites identified in the Study area are not named.)

Several combinations of remedial technologies will be included in the feasibility study. "Cleanup alternatives will be selected on the basis of their capability to protect human health and the environment," Carlson said.

Two public hearings will be held to discuss results of the environmental study and to gather public input on the choice of technologies to control further contamination. Other more informal meetings will be held with nearby residents.

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